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In Spite Of Weather

Attendance High At Bible Conference

High Court Again Hears Death Penalty Arguments

WASHINGTON (BP)—Does the death penalty amount to cruel and unusual punishment in violation of the U. S. Constitution?

That's the question the U. S. Supreme Court must decide after listening to more than five hours of arguments here.

The high court faces one of the most controversial choices in its history in deciding whether more than 500 inmates currently on death row may be executed.

Four years ago the court ruled in a narrow 5-4 decision that the death penalty as it was then being applied in the states was invalid because of its uneven and arbitrary administration. One of the main arguments against capital punishment then was that members of racial minorities were more subject to being sentenced to death than were whites.

Not since 1967 has the Supreme Court set aside so much time to consider arguments on one issue. The justices heard capital cases for five states which had enacted new death penalty laws in the wake of the 1972 decision.

A law professor at Stanford University, Anthony G. Amsterdam, argued cases for three of the convicted murders. His principal arguments were that the death penalty is arbitrarily applied and is excessively cruel in violation of the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution.

Since the limited ruling four years ago outlawing capital punishment as then practiced, 25 states and the U. S. Congress have enacted new mandatory death penalty laws.

At one point during Amsterdam's presentation, Justice Potter Stewart asked him if he was not actually arguing that the entire system of criminal justice is itself selective and arbitrary. Amsterdam's reply was an emphatic "No."

He then said, "If you do not accept the proposition that the death penalty is different, then we lose this case — it's that simple." Amsterdam said that "death is different — it is irremedial."

Attorneys arguing the other side included two state attorneys general.

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Day Care Clinic Planned For Briarwood, Jackson

A Day Care Clinic will be conducted April 10 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Briarwood Baptist Church in Jackson. The clinic will continue until 3 p.m.

Briarwood Baptist Church is located at 245 Briarwood Drive.

The clinic will be designed to aid workers in day care centers.



Dr. Baker



Mrs. Stone

Lunch will be available for \$2 for those who make reservations for it through the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The department is sponsoring the clinic, and Billy Hudgens, consultant in the department, will be in charge of the meeting.

Mrs. Gay Chance, director of the Creative Learning Center for the First Baptist Church at Starkville, will work with these children. For the workers with two and three year olds Dr. Jeroline Baker, professor at Southwestern Seminary, will be in charge of the discussion.

There will be two conferences



Mrs. Hopson



Mrs. Chance

for those who work with four and five year olds. Mrs. Faye Murphy of the Child Development Center at Tarrant County Junior College, Hurst, Texas, will discuss "Nature and Science." Mrs. Gail Hopson, director of the Child Development Center at First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala., will be the leader of the conference.

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Wheeler C. Cathey Is New Village President

Wheeler C. Cathey, retired personnel executive of Jackson, new president of the Board of Trustees of The Baptist Children's Village, formally assumed the duties of his office recently, as he presided at the first regular session in 1976 of The Village's official

the elevation of Cathey to The Village presidency as one of the most significant events in the history of Baptist child care in Mississippi, because of President Cathey's virtual life-long affiliation with The Children's Village.

A deacon in Parkway Baptist



Mississippi's Liberty Bell rang to call those attending the conference to the general sessions. The bell has been on an extended tour since it first rang at the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach last June. It will wind up its tour at the Southern Baptist Convention in Norfolk.



Southern Baptist Convention President Jaroy Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, was one of the speakers during a general session of the conference.

By Don McGregor
Tornadoes swirled about the state and hall pelted the countryside, but Mississippi Baptists ignored the weather threats and attended their Bicentennial Bible conference last week at First Baptist Church in Jackson.

Weather observers were warning everyone to find safety in the storm, and the Baptists attending the conference turned to the Word.

They participated in 15 conferences on books of the Bible and five conferences on Bible doctrine. They heard six general session speakers discuss what the Bible says about as many subjects. They heard the Southern Baptist Convention president, former con-

vention presidents, seminary professors, college professors, denominational workers, and a number of Mississippi pastors.

Evidently, they were delighted with what they heard, for favorable comments were plentiful.

Almost as the conference was getting under way a tornado struck the city of Canton about 25 miles away with a deadly blow. The twisters continued their havoc throughout that day and the next, and during the final session those attending the conference contributed to an offering for the relief of the victims of the storms. The offering amounted to \$221.14 and was channeled through the Salvation Army, as had been announced before the offering was taken.

Delighted With Attendance

There is no way of estimating what might have been the attendance had it not been for the storms, but conference officials were delighted with the attendance in spite of them. There was no official count, but it was estimated that the attendance must have been in excess of 1,500.

SBC President Dr. Jaroy Weber, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lubbock, Texas, was one of six general session speakers. His topic was "What the Bible Says about the Resurrection."

Three former convention presidents also were general session speakers. The closing message was by Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. His subject was "What the Bible Says about a Christian Citizen in a Secular World." Dr. Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., spoke on "What the Bible Says about People," and Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., spoke on "What the Bible Says About Angels."

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Silence Laws OK But Unnecessary: Americans United

Silver Spring, Maryland (CNS) — State laws authorizing public schools to set aside brief periods of silence are constitutional but unnecessary, according to a statement released by Andrew Leigh Gunn, executive director of Americans United For Separation of Church and State. The text of Mr. Gunn's statement follows:

"Several state legislatures have passed or are considering legislation to authorize public schools to set aside a minute or so of silence each morning so that students may meditate or pray or get their thoughts together. Such legislation raises no constitutional problems as long as school officials or teachers do not require or influence children to fill the period of silence with specific religious content."

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A Christian Physician Explains:

The Death Of Jesus Christ

By Dr. David Dunavant

(This is a portion of an address by Dr. David Dunavant, Memphis physician and surgeon, delivered on two occasions in recent years at the Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference, which precedes the state convention each year. Dr. Dunavant's subject was "The Humanity of Christ," and the address deals not only with our Lord's death but also with His birth. However, space does not permit publishing the entire address, so we are using the portion concerning Christ's death, as a special pre-Easter feature. We have never heard the death of Christ so clearly explained, and we felt that the message should have a much wider audience than just the Men's Conference. We asked for permission to publish it and he graciously gave it. Dr. Dunavant is a deacon in Bellevue Church in Memphis. — Editor)

We are considering verses of Scripture that are found in the 19th chapter of John, the 32nd through the 34th verses: "The soldiers came and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that He was dead already, they brake not His legs: But a soldier with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came there out blood and water."

Having been a Christian almost all my life, I have always believed the Scripture to be true. Having been in medicine and science and experimental surgery for 30 years, I've known that this Scripture could not be true because when a man dies and the heart stops there's no more bleeding. This is the way we tell in the

cause of some authority and contradiction to knowledge is conviction based upon man's ability to reason. So I say I believe this to be true because of some authority, the authority of the Bible, the Scripture that says it's true.

This verse says, "one of the soldiers with the spear pierced his side and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe." Well it was put there so you could believe, so I believe it to be true. Now how can you reconcile this seeming conflict between the Scripture and science in my life. I believed it to be true. I couldn't understand it, but to understand this Scripture we must look at the man Jesus as He died on the cross. Jesus was a man throughout his 33 years of life — 100 percent man. Jesus was not half man and half God. He was not two-thirds God and one-third man. He was 100 percent God and 100 percent man at the same time, a supernatural hypostatic union between God and man. Not one time did Jesus ever use his powers of God to change his humanity. Now

Gulfshore Bids To Be Opened April 13

Construction bids for the restoration of Gulfshore assembly buildings are scheduled to be opened April 13 at the Baptist Building in Jackson, according to Dr. Brooks Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, and chairman of the Gulfshore re-

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 chapters in the Gospel according to John often about what Jesus told those disciples in those last two or three hours. I've often wondered what the man-Jesus thought in those minutes before he was going to tell them his soul was sorrowful beyond death. As Jesus walked across this Brook Kedron He saw the waters colored with blood. History teaches us that this brook drained the temple area and this was the day before the feast and there were thousands of animals being slaughtered. Their blood was running off the cobble stones of the temple area into the Brook Kedron, and on this spring night as Jesus walked across this Brook Kedron he looked at this brook and saw the blood tinged water. Was He thinking that there would never be a need for another blood sacrifice after His? This was somewhere around midnight and the first shedding of His blood would be within a matter of hours.

Jesus went onto the garden. He asked His three disciples to wait. They went to sleep, and then the agony and the problems of the man - Jesus began in the Garden

of Gethsemane. Jesus had more trouble in the Garden of Gethsemane than He had on the cross. Luke again records this for us. The Bible says, He went into the garden and He prayed in agony and He threw himself on the ground and He said, "Father, I know all things are possible by you. You can reconcile man, and save man some other way than my going to the cross, because all things are possible by you. Let this hour pass from me. Take this cup from me. I don't want to go to the cross. Do it some other way." Jesus agonized and agonized with the Father about doing this some other way. But you know how Jesus finally ended that prayer, "Not my will, but thy will be done," and it was God, the Father's will that the man - Jesus would go to the cross. Jesus came out and talked to his disciples, went back into the Garden of Gethsemane and threw himself on the ground and the Bible says, "In agony he prayed." Luke records how much agony He was in. He "Sweat, as it were great drops of blood, which dripped onto the ground." Jesus sweated blood going over this with the Father, about changing this way. Why was Jesus so afraid to go to the cross? Certainly, it wasn't the pain and the difficulty He was going to have. You see the next day what happened.

As Jesus prayed He sweated blood. This is called Hematocritosis. I've never seen it. It's recorded in the literature, but when man has severe pain, there is always dilatation of the capillaries, little peripheral vessels all over the body, and when the pain becomes severe enough and those little blood vessels dilate enough, all the blood runs out of the brain and the man faints. That's the principle of fainting or going into shock. But Jesus agonized over this point so much with the Father and had so much pain over it that He did not become unconscious. He stayed and He stayed and He fought it to the point where those blood vessels ruptured into those sweat glands and sweat, as the Scripture says, "Drops of blood dripped onto the ground." The first shedding of blood for your remission of sins was not done by somebody laying a hand on the man-Jesus. Jesus lay in that Garden of Gethsemane with the Father and sweated blood for you and me, but He didn't complain.

At three o'clock in the morning they came and arrested him and tied His hands behind His back. They bound him. They took him over to old Calaphas, not to Annas, the high priest, and the physical beating began. The Scripture records that at first Annas didn't really know much about this, since the son-in-law, Calaphas, was taking care of trying to get rid of the man-Jesus. Calaphas asked him, "What have you been teaching these disciples of yours?" You know what Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly in the synagogues and in the temple. Why ask me, ask the people to whom I spoke. I haven't spoken in secret." The Scripture says then that one of the guards stepped up and struck him with an open hand, saying why "answerest thou the high priest thus?" So the physical beating began.

Then they took him to Annas and the Bible says, the Scripture says, that Annas at his house in the court yard had most of the council there. This was 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning, Friday morning. They were already gathered there, the elders, the chief priest, the scribes. They are all listed. The whole trial for Jesus.

They questioned Jesus. They blasphemed Him. They riled Him and ridiculed Him. Jesus didn't answer them and finally Calaphas, ready to give up because he had nothing that he could do to this man-Jesus, said, "Art thou the Christ, the Son of God?" And Jesus said, "I am." This was blasphemy and the Scripture says that Calaphas got so upset that he tore his own clothes off of himself. He had no case against Jesus. By Jewish law and by Roman law, the Jew being under the Roman, the Jew could take care of his own civil problems except two things. He couldn't hold trial at night and he couldn't pronounce the death sentence. How were they going to get the man-Jesus killed?

They already had one illegal trial and there was another illegal trial at three o'clock in the morning, but it made them happy because then the physical beating of Jesus began. As soon as he said this the Scripture tells us in John that they spit in His face to the point that His face was covered with spittle. They struck Him with an open hand. They beat him with a closed fist. They blindfolded Him. They walked around him, striking him from the front and back saying, "Yes, yes, since you are the Christ, the son of God, prophesy. Which one strikes you this time?" He was beaten. He had lost blood in the Garden of Gethsemane. His hands had been tied behind his back. He was tired. He was cold. He was bruised, but Jesus didn't protest. This went on and on. But I think the thing that hurt the man-Jesus the most was the mocking, because you know what they said, "You're the son of this or the son of that." There were really only two people living right then who knew who his father was, who knew He had a father, and they were He and Mary. But I believe it hurt the man-Jesus more to hear them revile His father and His mother than it did when they reviled Him, but He still didn't complain.

They couldn't do anything else until daylight.

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High Court - - -

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 eral, three assistant attorneys general, an assistant district attorney, and the chief lawyer for the U.S. Department of Justice.

John L. Hill, Texas' attorney general, argued that it would be "an anomaly" for the high court to decide that the death penalty is unconstitutional when the constitution itself makes provisions for it. He was referring specifically to the Fifth Amendment which states that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law.

Hill also warned the justices that there is no legal precedent for interpreting the death penalty as cruel and unusual punishment. "This court," he said, "is not a superlegislature nor a 'keeper of the social values and morals of the people of this country.'"

Similarly, the assistant attorney general for California, William E. James, argued that only Congress and state legislatures should decide whether to abolish the death penalty.

Another assistant attorney general, Sidney S. Eagles Jr., of North Carolina, advanced the frequently-used argument that the death penalty has a deterrent value. He called it society's "ultimate weapon" in dealing with "ultimate crimes." He told the court that to decide against capital punishment would mean a failure "to stem the tide of burglary and murder in the country."



Seamen's Center Dedication

The new seamen's center at the Port of Gulfport was dedicated March 28. The double wide mobile building is shown above. It has been outfitted to serve as a gathering place and recreation center for foreign seamen whose ships enter the port. It is located just outside the gate into the port area.



Three program personalities for the seamen's center dedication relax in one of the rooms following the service. They are, left to right, Rev. Paul Vandercook, the director of the language missions ministries on the Mississippi Gulf Coast; Rev. J. W. Brister, director of missions for Gulf Coast Association; and Dr. James Street, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wiggins, and moderator of the Gulf Coast Association. Dr. Street delivered the dedication message.



The cake for the dedication of the seamen's center was baked by Kay Bullen, an Acteen in Grace Memorial Baptist Church in Gulfport. It was served by Robbie Richardson, association Acteen director.

Children's Village Board Frames Memorial Resolution

On Feb. 1, while vacationing in southern Mexico, Thomas A. Hollingsworth of Hollandale, vice-president, Board of Trustees of The Baptist Children's Village and chairman of the Village board's Executive Committee, suddenly and unexpectedly died as a result of a heart attack.

Hollingsworth had served as a member of a group, known to Village sources as "Relocation Leaders" who joined the Village administration in effecting the relocation of the Mississippi Baptist child care agency to its present principal campus and offices, on Flag Chapel Drive near Jackson. Village records reveal that Mr. Hollingsworth was absent from only one meeting of the Board of Trustees and its committees during his 15-year tenure of office.

Hollingsworth was a deacon in Hollandale Baptist Church, where he served in numerous positions of leadership, including Sunday School Superintendent; a member of the board of Church Building and Savings Association in Jackson; a member of the board of Federal Land Bank; a past trustee of Hollandale public schools past member of the Board of Aldermen, City of Hollandale; and a past president of Murphy Bayou Drainage District. He also had served as a director and officer of Twin County

Electric Power Association since 1965.

The Board of Trustees of The Baptist Children's Village, at its regular March, 1976 meeting, in a special memorial service, adopted a resolution of tribute. It declared that

"We acknowledge to God, the Hollingsworth family and to all Mississippi friends of children, the deep sense of loss, the genuine consciousness of indebtedness, and the profound feeling of gratitude which fill the individual hearts of the membership of this Board and that we thank God and the members of his immediate and private family for sharing him, his love, his time, his talent and his example with The Baptist Children's Village."

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador — Over 430 persons have participated in the 1976 seasonal camping program at Manglaralto Baptist Encampment here. The Easter camp for the young women's missionary organization is expected to push the total to 500. The ocean-side

B. A. Sizemore, Jr.
Dies In Head-On
Auto Crash

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — A head-on automobile collision here took the life of Midwestern Seminary professor Burlan A. Sizemore Jr., 42, and seriously injured four members of his family. The accident occurred on Sunday afternoon, March 21.

Sizemore and his family were on a four-lane road about two miles from the seminary, where he was professor of Old Testament interpretation and Hebrew. Their car was hit by one driven by a 16-year-old youth, who was apparently drag racing, a seminary spokesman said. The youth's condition was not known.

The Sizemore's daughter, Rebecca, 11, was "critically injured, with partial paralysis," the spokesman noted, while the other family members, including Sizemore's widow, Dorothy; Cynthia, 17; and Burlan, 16, were "seriously injured." The four were in North Kansas City Memorial Hospital. An older daughter, Sherry, 19, was traveling in Europe. His mother also survives.

Church Music - - -

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 On Monday afternoon, the Nichols will perform again and the Virginia Baptist Male Choral will sing a group of selections under the direction of Allen R. Brown of Richmond, state music secretary for Virginia Baptists.

A series of special interest conferences will be offered two times on Monday afternoon, giving two choices from six offerings — "Puppetry and the Music Ministry," led by Joe and Gloria Morrell, Bradenton, Fla.; "Youth Mission Tours," led by Joel T. Land, department of special mission ministries, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.; "Early American Music," led by Robert A. Young, professor of music, Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; and "Sacred Harp Singing," led by Hugh McGraw, president, Sacred Harp Publishing Company, Bremen, Ga.

The concluding session Monday night will feature an original musical drama, using multimedia, recalling highlights of Southern Baptist church music since the landing of the Pilgrims and their use of the Bay Psalm Book. The program will be under the direction of Thad Roberts, minister of music at South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., with script prepared by Sarah Walton Miller of Houston.

Silence Laws - - -

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 "While a period of silence in a public school is not unconstitutional, neither does it require enabling legislation to be passed. The Supreme Court has wisely and properly banned government sponsored and government mandated devotions, but it has clearly left quite secure the right of individual students to pray when, where, how, and if they see fit.

"Americans United supports the right of individual public school students to pray or meditate, and this right is secure."

Larry G. Rohrman
Accepts Call Of
First, Greenwood

Dr. Larry G. Rohrman has accepted the call as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Greenwood, and will begin his ministry there not later than May 1, according to announcement just released by Aven Whittington, chairman of the Pulpit Committee of the church.

He succeeds Dr. Perry C. Perkins, who resigned after a 10 year pastorate of the church, to accept the position of director of the Department of Church - Minister Relations of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

In connection with his pastoral work at the Greenwood church, Dr. Rohrman has announced that he expects to do some work in a recently developed seminar program which seeks to strengthen Christian homes. He plans to hold a number of these seminars each year, and believes that the ministry may reach across the nation. He says that one of the important ministries of the churches right now is trying to save the home.

For the past several months Rohrman has been serving as interim pastor of the First Baptist Church, Pontotoc. He formerly pastored First Church, Jackson; First Church, Biloxi; and Calvary Church, Hattiesburg; as well as churches in Alabama and Texas. He resigned First Church, Jackson, in July, 1973, stating to the church that he had "to go to the wilderness and be alone with God." His three-and-one-half year ministry in the Jackson church had been a most successful one, with the church experiencing growth in every area, and many hundreds of new members coming into the fellowship.

Just before his resignation from the Jackson church, it was reported that the First Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas, had called the young minister, but he declined that, and then resigned the Jackson Church. Just a few months before, he had been named by the United States Jaycees as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of America.

After leaving the Jackson pastorate, Rohrman moved to Little Rock, Ark., and became associated with the Public Relations Department of a large business firm. However, he continued to do some supply work and held some revivals. He accepted the interim pastorate of the Pontotoc church last September.

Rohrman is a native of Pennsylvania, but during his youth lived in Missouri and Texas. He is a graduate of Baylor University and of New Orleans Seminary. Mississippi College conferred a doctor of divinity degree upon him in 1971.

Mrs. Rohrman is the former Sonya O'Neal of Hattiesburg. There are two children, Michael Scott and Cindy Lea.

The Greenwood church is one of the larger Baptist churches in the state, with a resident membership of more than 1500 and a Sunday School enrollment of more than 1200. A new sanctuary is under construction, and will be opened within the next few weeks.



FMB Ready For Influx Of Visitors

Among the first of several thousand guests expected to tour the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond during 1976 were a missionary couple stationed in Brazil and a Brazilian Baptist pastor and wife. Shown discussing one of the items from the archives of the board's Jenkins Memorial Library are (left to right) Ruth Harlow, tour guide, Nancy Walker, Lucia and Paulo Soria, and Laurence Walker. The board has made special plans to accommodate the anticipated thousands of visitors.

Day Care - - -

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 once on "Creative Activities in Day Care."

A conference for directors of day care centers will be directed by Mrs. Jane Stone, kindergarten - day care director at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson.

Two other day care clinics that were scheduled have been canceled. They were to have been April 12 at First Baptist Church, West Point, and April 13 at 38th Avenue Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

There will be no provision for child care during the meeting, Hudgens said.



Sixty Years A Sunday School Teacher

Pictured are Dr. John Traylor, pastor of First Church, Gulfport, and Dr. A. V. Washburn, director of the Sunday School Department, SBC, visiting with Mrs. H. B. Longest during a recent ACTION campaign. Mrs. Longest has been a faithful Sunday School teacher for sixty years and presently teaches in Adult 7, at First, Gulfport. She has also sung in the choir, worked in WMU in every office, including president. Her late husband was a deacon.



Registration for the Bible Conference was accomplished by signing the Freedom Scroll in the rear foyer of the auditorium.



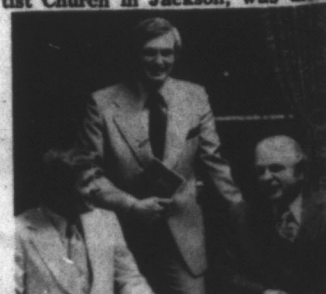
Gary Anglin, minister of music at Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson, directs the Alta Woods choir in "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Cecil Harper, minister of music at Robinson Street Baptist Church in Jackson, was the soloist.



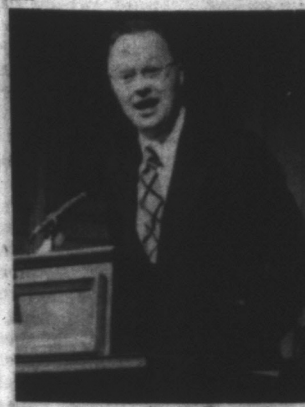
Dr. James L. Sullivan, recently retired president of the Sunday School Board, was one of five out-of-state personalities who led conferences during the Bicentennial meeting.



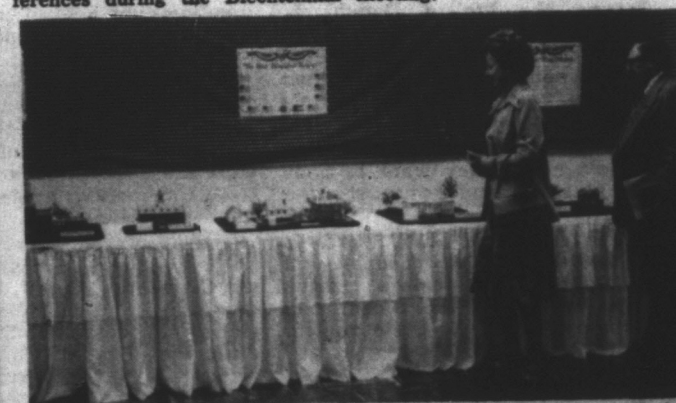
Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary emeritus of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was one of 15 Missisippians leading conferences during the Mississippi Baptist Bicentennial Bible Conference.



Host Pastor Frank Pollard of First Baptist Church, Jackson, seated left, visited with Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, in the pastor's office just before Criswell's concluding address. Music Director Tom Larrimore stands behind the two.



Dr. William E. Hull, pastor of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, explains "What the Bible Says about Speaking in Tongues."



The staff of the Sunday School Department prepared a display of historic buildings in the life of the United States during the 200 years of its history. Visitors at the display are Rev. and Mrs. Lester Nicholson. He is a retired pastor, and the Nicholsons are members of First Baptist Church, Laurel.

Attendance High At Bible Conference

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Two other general session speakers were Dr. William E. Hull, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shreveport, La., speaking on "What the Bible Says about Speaking in Tongues," and Dr. Donald F. Ackland, Nashville, speaking on "What the Bible Says about Devils and Demons."

Three seminary professors and two retired denominational workers led five doctrinal conferences. Dr. Scott Tatum of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary discussed "The Priesthood of all Believers." The subject for Dr. J. Terry Young, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, was "Sanctification." Dr. Ray Robbins, New Orleans Seminary, had the subject of "Justification."

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary emeritus of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, discussed "The Atonement," and Dr. James L. Sullivan, recently retired president of the Sunday School Board, spoke on the subject of "Perseverance."

The Missisippians and their subjects were Jonah, Rev. Hardy B. Denham Jr., Newton; Isaiah, Dr. Joe H. Tuten, Jackson; Second Corinthians, Rev. Bill Duncan, Piquette; First John, Dr. Charles Myers, Jackson; Hebrews, Rev. Barry Landrum, Greenville; First Peter, Rev. Jim Keith, Laurel; James, Dr. Allen Webb, Pascagoula; Romans, Dr. William W. Stevens, Clinton; Second Timothy, Rev. Frank Gunn, Biloxi; Joshua, Dr. Brooks Wester, Hattiesburg; Revelation, Dr. Joe T. Odle, Jackson; Ruth, Dr. Don Stewart, Hattiesburg; John, Dr. Bill Causey, Jackson; and Philipians, Dr. P. A. Michel, Brookhaven.

Dr. Robert Hamblin of Tupelo was to lead a conference on Galatians but could not do so because of the illness of Mrs. Hamblin. Dr. Ackland led a conference on Amos.

Cummings Was Director

Rev. Bryant Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was director of the conference. It was sponsored by the Convention Board. Dr. Earl Kelly is the executive secretary-treasurer.

Tom Larrimore, a Jackson mus-

ic evangelist, was the music director for the conference. The organist was Mrs. Clyde Bryan of Jackson; and the pianist was Ben Scarborough, pastor of the New Prospect Baptist Church of Oxford.

In addition to Tom Larrimore special music was presented by David Larrimore of Tupelo; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bacon of Clinton; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Black; Bill Clark of Jackson; and the Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson, choir with Gary Anglin directing and Cecil Harper of Robinson Street Baptist Church as soloist.

In speaking of the resurrection Weber said, "The death of Christ was full payment for sin. The resurrection is God saying, 'I accept the price paid.' We are not responsible for judgment."

Dr. Ackland spoke of Satan and demons and said, "Although Satan's existence and activity are acknowledged in the Bible, he is presented there as a dangerous but defeated foe. His power is exercised under limitations imposed by God. The triumphant message of the New Testament is that divine help is available to enable us to overcome the forces of evil."

"According to biblical teaching, Satan has his angles, or servants, commonly known as demons. While in the past the scientific mind has tended to scorn this idea, there is today tragic evidence of demonic activity. For the Christian, the reality of demons is established by the teaching and practice of Jesus. To claim that demons are a figment of the imagination is to assail the integrity of our Lord. He not only believed in them but waged unrelenting war against them. His victories contain the assurance of victory for us, plus the confidence that Satan and his hordes are doomed to ultimate destruction."

On Speaking in Tongues

In discussing speaking in tongues, Dr. Hull said, "An explosive controversy is raging within Christianity today regarding the meaning and use of speaking in tongues. . . . Assuming that some type of ecstatic enthusiasm broke forth in Corinth which was expressed in an unintelligible utterance, interpreters today honestly

differ regarding the permanent importance of this feature of the early church. Some hold that it was an immature expression of the faith which should be outgrown and forgotten as the church matured. Others insist that such excitement should always characterize the rediscovery of New Testament Christianity in each generation. Here we have a troublesome illustration of the most difficult question in biblical interpretation: What is temporary and what is permanent within the New Testament picture of the church?"

"Only for brief periods in church history has speaking in tongues flourished on the fringes of the Christian movement. Today, however, it has assumed new importance because of the revival of the practice by small groups within many of the strongest Christian denominations. It would be misleading to use I Corinthians 14 to answer the debate over whether to join the tongues movement, since this would obscure the central point which Paul was seeking to establish. Actually, the Apostle did not debate whether to permit tongue-speaking in Corinth, for such was already a well established practice when he wrote. Rather, he was concerned to protect all forms of worship from possible abuse and to guide the enthusiasm of his young converts into more fruitful channels by a clearer understanding of the ministries which they were called to render."

Dr. Hull reminded his listeners that Paul urged the Corinthians to "Relentlessly pursue love," to "Desire spiritual gifts," and to "Major on prophecy." He added, "In a positive sense, this entire chapter (I Corinthians 14) concerns the values of prophesying more than it does the problems of speaking in tongues."

Concluding Address

In his concluding address on "A Christian Citizen in a Secular World" Dr. Criswell said, "The one transcending, inspiring hope of civilization is the Christian religion. The one bright light for our society and for the salvation of this dark world lies in the Christian citizen who lives his faith in a secular world. If ever the drum



Rev. Ben Scarborough, pastor of New Prospect Baptist Church, Oxford, presented an impromptu concert on the piano before the final session of the Bible conference. Scarborough was the conference pianist. Conference music director Tom Larrimore of Jackson was one of the early arrivals enjoying the presentation.



Listeners crowd about Dr. W. A. Criswell following his closing address to the Mississippi Baptist Bicentennial Bible Conference.

65-Plus Retreat For Baptist Women To Be May 3-5 At Camp Garaywa

May 3-5 is the date scheduled for the annual 65-plus retreat for Baptist Women at Camp Garaywa.



Ethel McKeithen, Baptist Women director, said about the event, "This time provided especially for our senior citizens will be a time of Bible study, fellowship and sharing to-

gether. And in keeping with our nation's 200th birthday, we'll have a bicentennial mini-fair to display small antiques, decoupage pieces, and other handwork which the ladies bring."

The retreat begins Monday, May 3, with registration at 1 p.m. and closes following the noon meal on Wednesday, May 5.

Featured guests for the retreat will be Rev. W. B. Abel of Noxapater, who will lead the Bible study; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McCaleb of Hattiesburg, who will direct the music and fellowship times.

Mrs. Guy Henderson, missionary to the Philippines, will share

experiences from the mission field; Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will bring the closing message on Wednesday.

Plan now to attend the retreat, and bring a bus load or car load from your church to enjoy this special event.

Send \$2 registration fee to Miss Ethel McKeithen, Box 590, Jackson, MS 39205. The balance of \$8.50 will be paid on arrival at Garaywa. Be sure to bring sheets, pillow case and towels when you come.

Cathey Is New President

(Continued from page 1)

row Wilson Drive in Jackson (present site of Jackson Mall) and participation in controlled dietary experiments conducted by the United States Health Service at Mississippi Baptist Orphanage in 1914, which led to discovery of the cause and prevention of pellagra, then a dreaded ailment in Mississippi.

In 1972, as a part of The Village's year-long observation of its 75th or "Diamond" Anniversary, Cathey prepared a detailed history of the child care institution with which he has been affiliated for so many years. The history continued many personal refer-

ences for publication in booklet form.

Following his 17-year tenure as an enrolled child and young person, President Cathey maintained his interest and in support of Mississippi Baptist child-care through the resources of the church of his membership; through various voluntary duty associations with the child care staff; through The Village's official Alumni Reunion Group, in which he served as an organizer and for which he served two terms as president; as a member of the convention's Social Service Commission with special assignment to child care; and since 1968, as member of the Board

of Trustees, designated as "Relocation Leaders" and considered by the Village administration as those most responsible for leadership and assistance in the reconstruction and relocation of The Village's model and principal campus on Flag Chapel Drive near Jackson.

Individuals present at the meet-

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EDITORIAL

"Just The Word"

During the life of Dwight L. Moody there came the day when he learned that what people wanted to hear when he preached was "just the Word."

What was true in Moody's day, still is true today. When people go to God's house they want to hear God's message, and that must come from His Word.

Moreover, when that Word is preached or taught, people will come to hear. There is a hunger for the Word of God; a desire to know more about the Bible and its message.

That is the reason that the Mississippi Bicentennial Bible Conference last week was so successful. It was built entirely around the preaching and teaching of the Word of God. There was no promotion, and no conferences on methods. These have their place, and that place is important, but last week's meeting was not the time for either. This was a Bible conference, and because it was just that, no Baptist

meeting ever held in the state, had more consistent attendance or lasting interest.

The weather was not favorable. Tornadoes, thunder storms, and torrential rains, swept the state for both days of the conference. Despite these the attendance was high from the opening hymn to the closing benediction.

The conference was officially sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, but the Sunday School Department was assigned the responsibility for expediting it. Bryant Cummings, director of that department, along with his entire staff, with the added help of others, did a praiseworthy job.

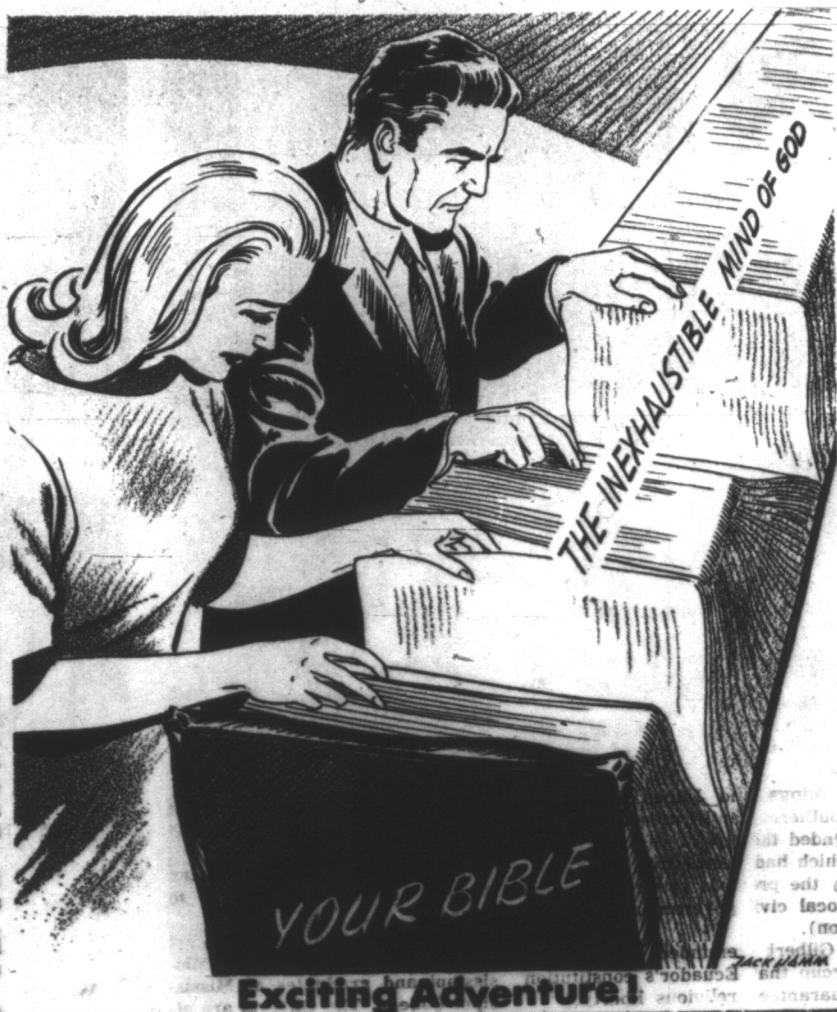
Outstanding speakers and leaders from across both the Southern Baptist Convention and the state of Mississippi were enlisted to participate. Fifteen Bible books were actually studied in conferences, along with five major Biblical doctrines. The program was so scheduled that

each person attending could participate in the entire study on two different books, and one of the doctrinal studies. In addition there were five general sessions with major addresses on important Bible truths. One could not crowd more actual Bible study into a day and a half than was provided in this conference.

In addition there was outstanding singing under the direction of Tom Larrimore, special music by several groups, bicentennial film presentations, a march of flags, the ringing of the Liberty Bell at each service, and bicentennial displays and exhibits.

Add all of these together, and you have a great two days. That is exactly what this conference was, and hundreds of persons braved the bad weather to share in its riches.

It was a great conference, and plans already are under way for a similar meeting next year. May it be just as great.



NEWEST BOOKS

IN SEARCH OF GOD'S IDEAL WOMAN by Dorothy E. Page (InterVarsity, 376 pp., \$4.95) Who is God's ideal woman? Or does God have such a concept? This is the question that set Dorothy Page to search the New Testament and much of the Old for an answer. She has examined the concept of woman in the Gospels, Acts and the Epistles, carefully analyzing each text that bears on the question. And she shirks none of the difficult passages. The author has served with China Inland Mission and the Evangelical Alliance Mission. She now lives in Germany, where she and her husband are teachers.

NEW WINDOWS FROM HEAVEN by Evelyn Anderson (Baker, paper, 188 pp., \$3.95) Fresh perspectives for women, on solving difficult or troublesome problems. Formerly published as *It's A Woman's Privilege*.

BEING A MAN IN A WOMAN'S WORLD by James Kilgore (Harvest House, paper, \$2.95, 146 pp.) When is a man ready for marriage? How does a man cope with a woman's emotional needs? How does a man cope with the woman's liberation movement? How does a man cope with the loneliness of divorce? How does a man find the time to be a good father? Are there spiritual resources on which a man can draw in our world? These and other questions are dealt with in this new book by a marriage and family counselor.

THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD by W. A. Criswell (Crescendo Books, \$2.50, 95 pp.) **THE COMPASSIONATE CHRIST** by W. A. Criswell (Crescendo Books, \$2.50, 78 pp.) These two books are collections of sermons by the great Dallas preacher. Each has five sermons. The first book: Christ the Power of God; Christ the Gift of God; Christ the Word of God; Christ the Way to God; Christ the Man of God. The second book: The Compassion of Jesus; The Love of Jesus; The Spirit of Jesus; The Tears of Jesus; The Blood of Jesus.

LORD YOU LOVE TO SAY YES by Ruth Harris Calkin (David C. Cook, paper, \$1.95, 146 pp.) These prayer poems reveal glimpses of love, longing, faith and inspiration.

A PROVERB A DAY KEEPS THE TROUBLES AWAY by John W. Drakeford (Broadman, 126 pp., paper, \$2.50) Ninety wisdom-filled devotional thoughts from the book of Proverbs. Subjects range from the home to friends to temptation to thought patterns. Dr. Drakeford, professor at Southwestern Seminary, with this small volume has made a unique contribution to the world of new books.

PARABLES FOR PARENTS AND OTHER ORIGINAL SINNERS by Tom Mullen (Word Books, 135 pp., \$4.95) This book about the relationship between parents and children is written with both humor and practicality. The American Dream pictures happy families exuding joy. This author says, "We know better. Life together is a picnic, but picnics include ants, warm lemonade, and the sight of the last available table being claimed by someone else." His book reflects on such realities and starts from the premise that "parents and children are able to enjoy each other more if they expect less perfection and accept the picnic for what it is, ants and all." The book is autobiographical, based on the experiences of one man and his family.

LIVING GOD'S WILL by Dwight L. Carlson, M. D. (Fleming H. Revell, paper, \$2.95, 157 pp.) Dr. Carlson explains what God's will is, how it is re-

vealed, and how to apply it to life's decisions, such as changing jobs, choosing a mate, understanding God's will in suffering. He says that no one is ever too old to start afresh in yielding his life completely to God. This book is a valuable tool for ministers and teachers, as well as private study.

LETTERS FROM HOME by Robert J. Hastings (Broadman, paper, \$2.75, in gift box) These writings by Bob Hastings, editor of *The Illinois Baptist*, use everyday experiences to illuminate eternal truths. The book is a compilation of his popular newspaper column, "A Letter From Home." It is Mr. Hastings' 12th book.

DO YOU HEAR ME, MONEY? by John W. Drakeford (Harper and Row, paper, \$3.95, 176 pp.) How to avoid misunderstandings in everyday life and communicate what you really mean. The author is professor of psychology and counseling at Southwestern Seminary. Of the book, Charlie Shedd says, "John Drakeford has written a winner. He comes through loud and clear on the world's number one people-problem: communication. Any marriage, any family, will profit from reading, studying, practicing this approach. The book would also be super for classes, seminars, and every form of group-think."

A NEW SPIRIT '76 by Leslie Parrott (Baker, \$5c, paper, reprint, 32 pp.) The author points to key events in America's history, and to quotations from famous Americans, that show something of the spirit of America. He expresses the hope that the Bicentennial "spirit of '76" may bring about "an increase in spiritual awareness, greater love for our native land, deeper commitment to integrity based on a sense of responsibility, and an enlarged appreciation for the blessings of democracy." The illustrations are photographs of scenes of beauty, in America.

SELECTED TO LIVE by Johanna Ruth Dohschimer (Spire Books, paper, \$1.75, 226 pp.) Johanna tells of a Jewish childhood ravaged by the Nazis, and of her own shocked witness to the total destruction of her family — even as she miraculously escaped the same fate. Barely a teenager, she was already an adept fugitive, one step ahead of her Nazi pursuers as she went underground, moving from one sympathetic Dutch family to another until the end of the war. Here is her haunting account of those days, and her story of how she discovered her own personal savior.

GRACE GROWS BEST IN WINTER by Margaret Clarkson (Zondervan, paper, Large Print book, 266 pp., \$4.95) Is it possible to live triumphantly in a hopeless situation from which there is no escape? How can I cope with overwhelming tragedy and loss? Many such questions come from the winter of human sorrow. In her new book, Clarkson offers help for the suffering. From her viewpoint "Suffering is seen as one of God's means of enlarging the soul's capacity for Himself." This is a well-written book, born of long years of searching the Scriptures while living with pain.

SATAN'S ANGELS by Ken Anderson (Thomas Nelson, Inc., paper, \$3.94, 153 pp.) Here is a frightening, firsthand look at the effects of Satan's power in the lives of Christian people. Author Ken Anderson, wellknown producer of Christian films, bases his writing on firsthand observation and experience, in the United States and abroad.

SONGS OF FAITH, SIGNS OF HOPE by David Poling (Word Books, 124 pp., \$5.95) Here Dr. Poling traces 200 years of American religious music. Beginning with the Bay Psalm Book (1640), he records historical events surrounding some of our best-loved hymns and spiritual songs. Also he gives insight into the lives of such hymn writers as Isaac Watts, John Newton, Fanny Crosby, Philip Bliss, and Lowell Mason.

REBEL PRINCE by Henry W. Coray (Fleming H. Revell, Spire Books, paper, \$1.95, 125 pp.) A brilliant novel based on the story of Absalom, King David's favorite son.

On The MORAL SCENE...

TEENAGE DRINKING PROBLEM A CRISIS—A study was made for the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism by the Research Triangle Institute with students filling out a questionnaire. The results were reported in the New York Times on November 21, 1975. It found that 28 percent of the nation's teenagers are problem drinkers. The survey of 113,000 youth in 450 schools around the country found that 28 percent reported that they were drunk at least four times in the last year or that their drinking got them in trouble with peers or superiors at least twice in the last year. Beer was the teenager's most popular beverage, boys drank more often than girls and children of drinking parents tended to drink more frequently. (The New Jersey Council News, March-April 1976)

TV VIOLENCE IS 'NATIONAL SCANDAL' — Dr. Michael B. Rothenberg, Seattle pediatrician and child psychiatrist, in an article in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* for December called on America's doctors to help fight TV violence, calling the effect of such violence a "national scandal." Dr. Rothenberg, a member of the faculty of the University of Washington School of Medicine, cited studies showing that the average American child . . . by the time he graduates from high school . . . will have witnessed some 18,000 murders and countless highly detailed incidents of robbery, arson, bombing, forgery, smuggling, beating and torture averaging one per minute in the standard television cartoon for children under the age of ten." Dr. Rothenberg based his concern on 146 reports in behavioral science journals and representing 50 studies involving 18,000 children and adolescents from every conceivable background. Summarizing research findings in behavioral areas affected by violence on TV, he made three points: (1) Novel, aggressive behavior sequences are learned by children through exposure to aggressive actions shown on television or films. (2) There is a decreased sensitivity to violence as a result of the repetition of violence in the mass media. Classical desensitization takes place. There is an increased ability to be violent with others. Dr. Rothenberg said in the December article that by January 1, 1976 all broadcasters were supposed to be in full compliance with new FCC guidelines for children's TV programming. . . but there is no evidence from current programming or from announcements of all 1975 programming that any such substantive move toward such compliance has been made."

Dr. Rothenberg, calling on America's physicians to help, quoted from one of the studies on children and TV violence. "To be silent is to acquiesce, and it is clear that, if we truly care about our children, we cannot be silent." (*Morality in Media*, February 1976)

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Missionary Praises "1776-1776" . . . Lead On"

Dear Dr. Odle:

I just received a copy of "1776-1776. . . Lead On," a patriotic stereophonic recording which was produced by the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. This album features the Mississippi Singing Churchmen and the Mississippi Singing Women. The music is of high professional quality, is crisp, has depth of vocal lines and is very thrilling to the listener. I spent several hours carefully listening to this beautiful music which gives emphasis to America's bicentennial celebration and Mississippi Baptists' Decade of Advance.

The Church Music Department is to be commended for this fine emphasis and for this excellent album which gives praise to God for his greatness and also gives thanks for God's blessings to Americans. One need not leave the shores of our wonderful homeland far to remember the Christian heritage of freedom, liberty and justice for all which, I think, we Americans take too much for granted. Please help me encourage every Mississippian to secure a copy of this album and spend time, as I have, listening to this music and thanking God for his leadership in America during these two hundred years.

As a Southern Baptist missionary it is my privilege to serve here in the great land of Brazil. Brazilian Baptists are moving forward for Christ and I am pleased that Baptists in America have sent to this nation her sons and daughters since 1882 to proclaim Jesus as Savior.

Freedom in Christ Jesus is the "liberty and justice for all" that we want to proclaim here in Brazil during this year of America's bicentennial. Though my family and I will not be there for this celebration, we are hopeful that every American will recall to mind the great heritage which is ours and, too, the responsibility which faces us in this world of great need. This, indeed, is a "trust" from God which we must not negate.

J. D. Batson
Brasilia, DF, Brazil

Criminal Justice System Doesn't Work

Dear Sir:
Here is an interesting message on jails which I read and would like to ask you to print:

Ronald Bell, a prison chaplain, has said, "A prison is not brick and mortar and iron bars — it is flesh and blood and iron bars. Jail is really people. It's an 18-year-old boy who's AWOL from the Marines. . . It's a 19-year-old girl who's pregnant, unmarried and has run away from home and parents she feels don't love her. . . It's a big 6-foot, 2-inch guy whom most people fear, but in counseling he breaks down and cries like a baby — because he's lonely and fearful. A prison is people."

If prisoners are people, so too are the victims of crime — and the wardens, judges and guards. All these people will agree that our system of criminal justice simply doesn't work. It doesn't protect society. It doesn't give criminals an opportunity to rehabilitate themselves.

A survey of criminal justice in the United States reveals that each night 200,000 men and women are in jail. In New York City alone, more than half of the 11,000 inmates of the city's jails had not been convicted of any crime. Unable to raise \$50 for bail, they were awaiting trial — some for as long as 10 or 11 months — for charges that would bring a sentence of only 90 to 95 days. Seventy



Sheriff Arrests Minister But Returns For Immersion

KIOKEE, Ga., 1777—(BP)—The man who six years ago arrested Daniel Marshall, pioneer Baptist evangelist, was finally baptized by the minister.

Shortly after Marshall—who had already spread the Baptist message throughout Virginia and North and South Carolina — came to Georgia in 1771, he was arrested by Samuel Cartledge for preaching near Augusta. After six years the law enforcement officer heeded a warning given when he made the arrest to be "saved from your sins" and joined a Baptist church.

Although Baptists escaped the bitter persecution in Georgia which they endured elsewhere, in 1758 the General Assembly at Savannah passed a law making the Church of England the state church of the province. It was for preaching "contrary to the rites and ceremonies" of the state church that Marshall was arrested.

The arrest took place in a grove near Augusta where Marshall was conducting an open meeting. While the gray-haired, former missionary to the Indians was on his knees leading in the opening prayer, Cartledge seized him and said, "you are my prisoner."

Marshall submitted quietly and posted bond, but his wife, Martha, was not so docile. She vigorously protested the outrage and warned the sheriff to "flee from the wrath to come."

Cartledge never forgot the encounter. Whether influenced by Marshall's calm conviction or the indictment of the preacher's wife, he eventually joined the body which he once persecuted.

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percent of those who complete their prison sentences will return for criminal acts, usually more serious violations, committed after their release.

Of the \$1.5 billion spent yearly on correction, it is estimated that 95 per cent goes for custodial care; walls, bars and guards. Only five per cent of every dollar is spent on rehabilitation.

There are 4700 prisons and jails in the U.S., many of them built in the last century. Chief Justice Warren E. Burger commented, "We have developed systems of correction which do not correct." —Garland McNinnis
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Baptists Defend Religious Liberty In Ecuador Jungle

By Stanley D. Stamps
LAGO AGRIO, Ecuador (BP)—Despite threats and attempts to dismantle building equipment, Baptists here will continue building a chapel on a site secured over a year ago.

The cement slab and steel beams are concrete evidence Baptists will stay to minister in this headquarters of petroleum operations in Ecuador's northeastern jungle.

Several weeks ago when a crew of volunteers led by lay pastor, Marco Toinga, began, digging trenches for the chapel's foundation, a group of men armed with machetes came to the site threatening the workers.

"We don't want a Baptist church here," they told the pastor. "We already have our church. You don't have any right to build here. Go out on the edge of town to build."

Toinga and James P. Gilbert, Southern Baptist missionary, defended their right to the property which had been ceded to Baptists by the previous parochial council (local civil government organization).

Gilbert reminded the hostile group that Ecuador's constitution guarantees religious liberty.

After the confrontation, Toinga heard that the mob planned to destroy a cement mixer loaned to

Baptists by an oil field construction firm. Hiding out near the site, Toinga waited for the group to approach the machine and prepare to dismantle it. He then stepped forward and asked, "Is there any way I can help you men?"

Surprised, the group stopped what they were doing and listened to the Baptist minister. Toinga persuaded the men not to destroy the machine which was neither his nor theirs.

The group continued to argue they did not want the Baptist church to build in Lago Agrio. Toinga responded: "But you are only 30 men. I know at least that many here who do want the church. I know there are many more than that, also."

After several discussions with the authorities, Gilbert secured permission for the construction to continue.

At last report, the cement slab and steel beams awaited a roof and walls for the chapel to be completed.

Stanley D. Stamps is a Southern Baptist missionary assigned to Ecuador.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Gilbert and Stamps are all natives of Mississippi and graduates of Mississippi College. The Gilberts are also former students at Clarke College, and he is a former Mississippi pastor.



Baptists And Religious Liberty

BAPTISTS SING ON WAY TO JAIL—Fredericksburg, Va., June 4, 1968 — Four Baptist preachers and a layman were arrested because they refused to quit preaching. They were charged with disturbing the peace. While being marched to jail they

sang hymns which attracted attention of townspeople. The men were: Cris Craig, John Waller, James Reid, James Childs, and William Marsh. (Used with permission of the Historical Commission, S. B. C.)

New Choctaw Crusade

A Choctaw Church Doubles Membership In One Week

By Delton Haggan

The Choctaw Indians are stirred up... for JESUS. The great Spirit of God is moving among us. Choctaw Central Baptist Church in an eight day revival effort more than doubled her church membership. Fifty-two public professions of faith and trust in Jesus as Savior were recorded. At least 80% of these were youth age and above. Two young men surrendered to preach.

The public response to the invitations was so tremendous and beyond any anticipation that the rededications were not all recorded. With four ministers receiving those coming to the altar, there was almost a continuous moving of those coming to make public their decisions.

Any stereotype image of stoic, emotionless Indians was shattered as profuse tears of repentance and joy, with hugs of love and caring, were common sights.

Choctaw Central Baptist Church, located in the Pearl River Indian Community eight miles west of Philadelphia, Mississippi, believing that their building would not seat the expected crowds, made arrangements to use a tribal building as a meeting place for the revival preaching services. They were right in expecting great things but God did even greater things. More than 350 persons were in attendance the final night and because there was not enough chairs for all who came, some stood during the almost three hour service.

Choctaw Central was one of six churches in the New Choctaw Association participating in a simultaneous revival effort. At least three other churches scheduled revivals for the following week. These were the two weeks suggested by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Department of

Evangelism. Rev. Clay Gibson is the Evangelism Chairman of the New Choctaw Baptist Association.

In addition to the nightly preaching services the evangelist, Navajo Russell Begaye, spoke each morning over the Philadelphia radio station. Brother Begaye also had opportunity to preach during noon services at two other of the seven Indian communities, plus one noon service at Pearl River for Tribal and Bureau of Indian Affairs employees with an estimated 125 employees present.

On Sunday, the day following the close of the planned effort at Choctaw Central, there were seventeen at the Bogus Chitto Church who responded to the invitation at the close of the morning message by a pastor Calvin Gibson. Some of these had accepted Jesus as Savior while attending services at Choctaw Central and were coming for baptism and church membership. Others were young people and adults, some of whom were not in attendance at Choctaw Central, coming to rededicate their lives to the Lord Jesus.

At Choctaw Central on Sunday night, the entire service was given over to testimonies of what had been experienced during the week. The pastor, Rev. Jim Sanders, called a young man to be the first in sharing his testimony. Then one by one, without hesitation, others came to tell of their experiences with the Lord. Finally, though others still wanted to share, it was necessary for the pastor to ask them to wait until a later time.

"I can't explain it" ... "something just came over me" ... "something beautiful happened inside me" were common phrases again and again as persons tried to describe what they had experienced.

A wife of one of the pastors expressed the feeling of many when she said, "I have read about and heard about things like this happening but this is the first time I have seen it with my own eyes and have personally experienced it."

(Note: Mr. Haggan is general missionary to the Choctaw Indians of Mississippi.)



Biloxi Couple Missionaries In Hong Kong

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Hayes of Bay Vista Church in Biloxi are now serving in Hong Kong as missionaries for at least a year. They are there under the auspices of the Laymen Overseas programs of the Foreign Mission Board.

In Hong Kong, the Hayes are replacing a missionary couple and are serving in the Baptist Book Store ministry.

Their address is: 100 Boundary Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Pageant To Depict History Of Black And White Baptists

An historic pageant dramatizing the relationship between black and white Baptists in Mississippi will be presented three times during April.

The 45-minute pageant will be given at Mt. Helm Baptist Church, Jackson, on April 11 at 7 p.m.; in the Mississippi Baptist Seminary chapel, Jackson, at 6 p.m. on April 14; and at Northside Baptist Church, Clinton, on April 25, at 7 p.m.

The script was written by Bill Lytal, head of the drama department at Mississippi College, based upon research done by Mrs. Irene Long Shurden of Clinton, member of Northside Church.

"Black and White Baptists in Mississippi, 1791-1975" is a Bicentennial project of Mississippi Baptists' Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, Dick Brogan, director.

The pageant is directed by Ms. Judy Lewis, instructor of speech and drama at Mississippi College. The cast is composed of five students from Mississippi College and a Jackson businessman.

Louis Beverly, Jr., of Jackson lends age, maturity and musical talent to the production. He

is a native of Laurel and is the son of the late Rev. Louis Beverly, Sr. and Mrs. Annie L. Beverly. He received his Bachelor of music education degree from Jackson State University, a n d Master of Education in Guidance and Counseling from Mississippi State University. He is presently employed as Equal Employment Opportunity Officer for the Mississippi Employment Security Commission in Jackson. He is married to the former Bettye Boston of Laurel. They have three children. Louis is a member of the Mt. Helm Baptist Church.

The female cast is composed of Sheila Fox and Felecia Williams. Sheila is a graduate student in the Speech Department at Mississippi College. She is assisting in the directing of the program for graduate credit in her Interpretative Theatre class. She is the daughter of Mrs. Russell Fox and the late Mr. Fox of Jackson.

The other female actress is Felecia (FeeFee) Williams of Centerville. FeeFee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Williams. At MC she is a member of the Gospel Truth Singers and the B. S. A.

The other male cast members are Larry Miller of Vicksburg, Fred Slabach of Fernwood and Don Goodrum of Clinton.

'Faces Of America' Exhibit To Be At Mall

To help Americans appreciate the different "peoples" of America and celebrate the Bicentennial, the Home Mission Board, SBC, has assembled a travelling exhibit of photographs and art called THE FACES OF AMERICA.

The exhibit, to be shown in 48 cities this year, will be at the Jackson Mall April 15 and 16.

"The Mission Board has more than 2,200 missionaries working in the fifty states and Puerto Rico. The diversity of the American people in culture, religion and even language is a fact of life to us," explains James Sapp, director of the Mission Board's Division of Communication. "We couldn't imagine a better way for us to share in the Bicentennial than through the faces of Americans in an exhibit that says 'we may be different, but we're still one great people'."

Sapp called upon two talents from his division to create FACES. One was photographer Don Rutledge whose photos have appeared in hundreds of magazines, including TIME and LIFE. One of the photographs of the exhibit, entitled "Eskimo Family," recently received first prize and trophy in the Photographic Society of America's photo-journalism category. In fact, almost all of the photographs of the exhibit have won at least one photographic award.

"All the people in the photographs are Americans," Rutledge points out. "They're not the same color or of the same social or economic background; some don't even speak English. But they are people, people with the same emotional and physical needs we have. And if the photographs can communicate that effectively, then they've succeeded in bringing us closer together."

Tom Baker, director of the Mission Board's Art Services, is the other contributing talent.

To portray his "faces" Baker used a variety of artistic media: carbon pencil, acrylics and oils.

Deaf Minister Preaches In Calvary, Tupelo, Service

By Mrs. Sam Allen

Coordinator for Deaf Ministries Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo Woodie Stacey of Mobile, Ala., made March 14, 1976, a day to remember for Calvary Baptist Church. Mr. Stacey, who has been deaf since the age of 8, met with 45 members and visitors of the Silent Class during the Sunday School hour for a period of fellowship and a devotional message.

He gave his deeply moving Christian testimony to the congregation during the morning Worship Service. Rev. Rodney Webb, consultant, Language Missions, Cooperative Missions Dept., Jackson, reverse interpreted for the hearing audience.

A luncheon was served by the church to 61, of whom 40 were deaf. After lunch Mr. Stacey again brought a challenging message, calling the deaf to active Christian witness. Rev. Webb assisted in all of these activities.

Stacey, an active member of Mobile's Cottage Hill Baptist Church, teaches sign language classes three nights a week in other churches. He is employed by the City of Mobile and attends college classes on two nights. He does his own housework on weekends, but finds time to participate in sports, including soccer, scuba diving, and sky diving. He has been a participant in several Lay Renewal Weekends, such as the one planned by Calvary for April 30-May 1 and 2.

In essence Mr. Stacey's testimony is as follows: He was born in France and his parents were killed by the Nazis in his presence. Later, his grandparents brought him to the United States and, shortly thereafter, they also died, leaving him an orphan to be

shunted from one orphanage to another. Twice taken for adoption, he was later returned to the orphanage. While still a small child, he became deaf, the result of mumps. At the age of 15 he became blind also. During this time of frustration and terrible loneliness a little girl came to visit him and fingerspelled into his hand that Jesus wanted to be his friend.

Stacey said, "In the darkness of my life, and in desperation, I turned to Jesus. I was without hope until then, and I felt God touch me, and my life was changed."

This was the turning point of his life. After three years of blindness he regained his sight. Difficulties did not cease, but now he had a friend "who will never let you down." With great determination he finished three years at U.C.L.A. and is now finishing his college work at the University of South Alabama, with ambitions to earn a masters degree at the University of Miami, and then to continue to work toward a doctorate. He already speaks seven languages, including the sign language. When asked to what use he would put this education, he responded, "For the Deaf."

This Sunday's events are a part of a continuing program for the deaf in Calvary Baptist Church. Jerry Jamison, minister to the deaf, preaches in a special, separate service on the 4th Sunday of each month. Services are interpreted on every other Sunday, and the deaf are cordially invited to participate in every part of the church program. A weekend Bible study retreat for the deaf, sponsored by Calvary, has become an annual summer event. The dates this year are Aug. 28-29.

Daniels Evangelistic Team To Lead Monroe County Bicentennial Crusade

An intensive evangelistic crusade will begin Sunday night, April 11, under a giant canvas cathedral on the Becker Football Field, at 7:30 p. m. Sponsored by the Monroe Baptist Association.

Alabama.

The Fairchild Trio, who appear frequently on the Grand Ole Opry, will be special musical features on Monday and Tuesday nights.

Mrs. Marolyn Ford, who was blind for 12 years and who was

the Liberty Church on Nettleton, is General Chairman of the Crusade.

First, Pearl To Name Talbert Pastor Emeritus

(Note: Mr. Haggan is general missionary to the Choctaw Indians of Mississippi.)

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BETHEL	79.00	PBC CRYSTAL SPOGS	7,002.42	LULA	117.00	TULA	127.00	HT MORIAM	1,577.77	BAKOSVILLE	615.32	PINE LAKE	117.40	NEW SALEM	650.00
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Who's The Pastor? You'll Never Guess!

COLUMBIA, S. C. (RNS) — Congress Baptist Church in nearby Gadsden has a new pastor — God. That's the Rev. James R. God, recently installed.

His arrival follows close on that of another namesake in the area — the Rev. John Wesley has joined

SEOUL, Korea — A handbell choir composed of eight Americans residing in Korea recently toured southern Korea, playing in several Korean churches. The choir, which is directed by Southern Baptist Missionary Major C. McDaniel Jr., of Mississippi, consists of three Southern Baptist missionaries, one missionary journeyman, one military couple, and one Salvation Army couple.

Mike Fridgen, Billy Adams, Bill Wagner, and Bobby Adams were the youth leaders in these events.

The Lauderdale pastor is Rev. Jerry Bishop.

After Rejection—Resurrection

By Wm. J. Fallis
Matthew 28

On December 7 we began a nearly five-month study of the life of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Matthew. Occasionally we have noted some of the distinctive features of the Gospel, but most of the time we have examined the person, work, and teachings of the Master. Especially concerned to relate the Old Testament to the "new covenant," Matthew emphasized Jesus' role as Messiah. He stressed God's rule in the life of believers, both Jews and Gentiles, with the phrase "kingdom of heaven." Last Sunday we saw him cruelly rejected by the religious leaders, but today we see him vindicated through God's power.

The Lesson Explained
HEARING AMAZING GOOD NEWS



My first quilt is on the frame, and barring some miracle like elves or something coming out of the woodwork every night and working around the clock, I may have to get permission to take it to heaven with me to finish quilting it, and I'm not sure that eternity will be long enough. Quilting is the first thing I have ever encountered that baffles me so far as finding a quicker, shorter, easier way to get it done.

For years I have needed a hobby, since writing became a bit more than the hobby it was for most of my life since the fifth grade, so a while back, a few years, to be exact, I began saving the boys' shirts and their Dad's, too, to make quilt tops from. Last summer when we had our twenty-fifth anniversary garage sale, I had either to sell the shirts or began my quilt tops. When I tried to put price tags on them to sell, I just simply could not do it, so I selected my pattern — Devil's Claw (told the boys there was nothing personal in that selection, of course) — and began cutting and cutting and piecing and piecing. Each square has over fifty triangles and-or squares in it, and each top required twelve squares. All the squares except four have been completed for all three tops, one for each of the boys, and the first top stripped together.

We ordered a quilting frame, James and I assembled it with a minimum of hassle, and onto the frame went my first heirloom-to-be. I thought I would quilt it off in a couple of weeks. Was I ever wrong.

But I will quilt it, that's for sure, and two more just like it. Then I may hang up my quilting frame and stick to making the tops, hiring someone to do the

NEWS (vv. 1-8)

Because the sabbath ended at sunset (about 6 p.m.) and the first day of the week began immediately, this verse needs to be compared with similar verses in the other Gospels. The women went to the tomb at early sunrise. (The other Mary is mentioned in 27:56.) Here we have the tomb being opened as the women approach; in Mark and Luke it seems to have been done before they arrived. In either case, Jesus had already been raised.

Although the appearance of the angel was such a shock to the guards that "they became as dead men," he spoke tenderly to calm the women's fears. The crucified Jesus was not there but was risen—"as he said." They were invited to look at the place where he had lain. Then the angel instructed them to tell the disciples what had happened and to go to Galilee to meet the risen Lord. So the women left hurriedly feeling a strange mixture of

fear and joy. What amazing news they had for the disciples!

MEETING THE RISEN CHRIST (vv. 9-10)

As the two women ran from the tomb, they suddenly met Jesus himself. It was almost as though they were being rewarded for passing the "believe and obey" test. They had come to see the tomb, and Mark and Luke said they had brought spices to anoint his body. They were not expecting the angel's glad news, but where the Master was concerned they were ready to believe that God could do anything. His greeting was the customary one between friends which could be translated: "Be glad" or "Peace be unto you." Goodspeed translates it: "Good morning!" They recognized him instantly and showed their devotion, and then Jesus repeated the command for his disciples to meet him in Galilee, but he called them "brethren."

RECEIVING ORDERS FOR

ALL TIME (vv. 16-20)

Matthew tells of only two appearances after the resurrection. But eight other appearances are mentioned in the other Gospels, Acts, and 1 Corinthians. This occasion in Galilee was next to the last one, and according to Paul there were more than five hundred disciples present (1 Cor. 15:6). Not all of them believed they had seen the risen Christ. But to those who believed, Jesus gave a commission — called the Great Commission here because it is longer than the others. It was a statement of his authority, an assignment of tasks, and a guarantee of support.

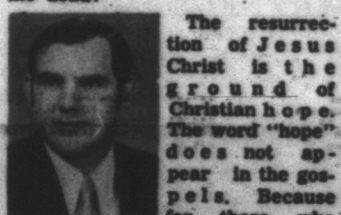
Despite the horror and stigma of crucifixion, the risen Christ asserted his authority in heaven and on earth. From that position he had the right to command his followers to enlist "all nations" (Gentiles and Jews) as learners. After they were baptized, they should be taught all the things Jesus had taught his disciples.

Sunday School Lesson: Life And Work

Responding To The Risen Lord

By Bill Duncan
Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is God's mightiest act. This is what literally created the Christian faith and is the ground for Christian hope. It has been said that we do not believe in the resurrection because we can prove it, but that we try to prove it because we cannot help believing it. The whole New Testament is a powerful testimonial to the resurrection. There are no maybe's or if's as we read about the resurrection, only the record and the testimony. When Paul began to give the meaning of the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15, he gave with certainty this fact in verse 20: "But now is Christ risen from the dead!"



The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the ground of Christian hope. The word "hope" does not appear in the gospels. Because for those who wrote the words and recorded the deeds of Jesus, hope was born with the resurrection. The "lively hope by the resurrection" is that through Christ a life can be transformed, can be saved now and forever. Eternal life assures us of more than the mere survival of our souls. It means more than the continuation of life as we now know it. It affirms the fact that God will bring to completion his purpose for each of his children. Death cannot defeat God's plan for any of us.

At day break on Sunday, Mary Magdalene and at least one other woman visited the tomb after the sabbath and found it empty. In Matthew we read that an Angel of the Lord rolled back the stone that sealed the tomb so that the women and others could see that the tomb was empty. The angel sitting upon the stone was a note of triumph. The whole experience was awesome as evidenced by the fear of the guards and the women.

The proclamation of the angel was twofold: An empty tomb and the assurance of the resurrection. The empty tomb was not enough. The personal appearance of Jesus to His followers brought about the reality. What a great message to share! "Go tell his disciples that he was not in the tomb but he has risen and if you do not believe, go and look where he was laid." Then the angel said, "He is going before you to Galilee to keep his

obedience, Jesus met them. They were afraid but they were happy at the same time. Matthew said, "It was Jesus who met them," the name employed being that of the one whom they had known in the flesh. "The resurrection is not just something that happened to the faith of the disciples. It was something that happened first to Jesus."

The greeting of Jesus was "Hail," which means rejoice. The response of faith is worship. Before them stood a body that could be touched, but they recognized him as one to be worshiped and that is due to God alone.

The instruction of Jesus to the women is the same as the angel but Jesus called his disciples, "brethren." He claimed those who had so miserably failed him in his hour of need as brethren. "Go tell them I love them as brothers," he was saying.

The fact that Jesus is alive means the end of cynicism and defeat for the believing Christian, while it makes of life a sacred trust and magnificent ad-

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venture. "If Christ be not risen from the dead, then nothing much matters." The church militant and triumphant is itself a monument to the resurrection of her Lord. Something happened to the world on that first Easter Sunday that changed a company of timid and hesitant men into a group of heroes and martyrs for the faith.

The mountain in Galilee is not identified nor the time when Jesus designated it as the place for their meeting. The disciples had not expected to see Jesus again and both the report and his appearance were almost too good to be true. Some could not believe even though they saw him, which goes to prove that vision is more dependent upon faith than faith upon sight.

"As you go, bring all nations under my discipline (teaching and rule). The ministry was expanded to include the whole world. Jesus told his followers to baptize those who now have come into the possession and protection of God, known as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The command is to teach them obedience — to observe all that Jesus commanded.

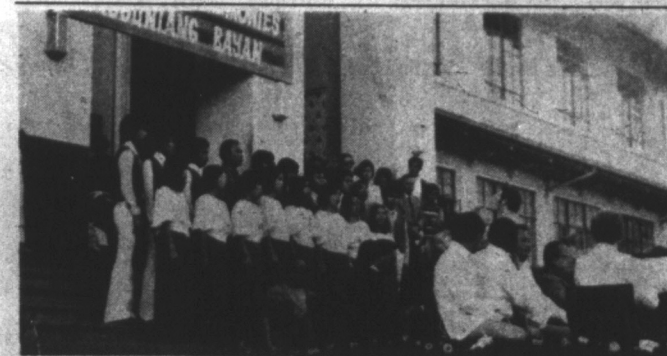
The commission closes with the beautiful reassurance which reaches back to the announcement (angel's message) of the name of Jesus — Emmanuel (God with us). The risen Lord said, "I am with you to the close of the age," and brought assurance of his continuing presence.

The resurrection is a call for the world to acknowledge its Lord and obey him. The disciples are to be militant in their work of bringing men to submit to Christ, and come under his authority for their salvation.

John Wesley used to say, "Our people die better." I feel our people live better because of the resurrection so they die better.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

A visitor in New York City once told of his experience of visiting the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church when Dr. J. H. Jowett was minister. Walking in Central Park, he noticed the faces of the people he met. Some faces looked hard, arrogant, and careworn. It was obvious that these people had not been in church. Then he met a stream of people altogether different. They seemed to have escaped the prison house of care. In their eyes there was a



The Singing Seminarians of the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary, Baguio City, perform during oath-taking ceremonies for the Baguio "Sangguniang Bayan," part of a newly-inaugurated system of town councils throughout the Philippines. Missionary James E. Castlen directs the choir, and Mary Lou (Mrs. Bob E.) Simmons, Mississippian, missionary and member of the seminary faculty, plays the organ accompaniment. The ceremony was held at the entrance of the Baguio City Hall. (FMB photo by Bob Stanley).

Philippine Choir Sings For Historical Ceremony

By Robert L. Stanley, Missionary
MANILA, Philippines — On the mission field, as well as in the States, it helps to have a good relationship with officials of your city and with fellow churchmen of your area.

Leaders of our Philippines Baptist Theological Seminary have fostered such a relationship through the years in Baguio City, the mountain-resort tourist center of the Philippines where the seminary is located.

Evidence of the "pakikisama" (good fellowship) was shown in a history-making ceremony recently when Baguio City's first "Sangguniang Bayan," (town council) took their oaths of office.

During the hour-long program the seminary's choir sang, its music director sang a solo, another music faculty member played the organ, and a third faculty member led in prayer.

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Wallerville Begins New Sanctuary

Wallerville Church (Union County) had a ground breaking service March 7, beginning a \$75,000 sanctuary and educational wing. Pictured (l-r): Rev. Gary Rivers, pastor, and Building Committee members Devon Freeman, Duncan Gates, chairman, David Coleman, Horace Steward, and Houston Richey, chairman of deacons.

Revival Dates

Temple, Hattiesburg: April 11-14; Rev. Frank W. Gunn, pastor of First Church, Biloxi, evangelist; Rev. L. Graham Smith, minister of music, Temple Church, singer; Sunday services at 11 and 7 p.m.; Rev. Kermit D. McGregor, pastor.

Tate Street Church (Alicorn): April 10-25; services at 7:30 p.m., Sunday (25th) 10:45 a.m.; Rev. Larry Taylor of San Antonio, Texas, evangelist; music under direction of H. G. (Buddy) Earwood minister of music, Tate Street; special music nightly; Rev. Grant Clark, pastor.

Springfield (Scott): April 9, 10, 11; Rev. James Spencer, Clarke College, evangelist; Stanley Nowell, music director; Sat. night is youth night; services at 7:30 and 8:45 on Sunday; Ron Mercer, pastor.

Benjamin Franklin observed that "the only thing more expensive than education is ignorance."

First, Summit: April 11-18; Benny Jackson of Memphis, evangelist; Curtis Brewer, music evangelist; George Fields of Southern Seminary and Bruce Fields of Mississippi College, guest soloists; Southwest Mississippi Junior College BSU Choir to present "Celebration of Hope" at the Thursday night service; "Alleluia" to be presented Easter Sunday at 7 p.m. by the Chancel Choir, directed by Curtis Brewer and accompanied by an orchestra; Dr. Larry W. Fields, pastor; Sundays at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekdays at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Williamsburg (Covington): April 11-18; services at 7:30 each night and 11 a.m. on Sunday; dinner on the grounds Sunday; Rev. Robert Ragland, evangelist; Delton Beale, singer; Rev. Gerald Jones, pastor.

Calvary, Silver Creek: April 7-11; 7:30 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Jimmy Craft, MC graduate, now a student at Southwest Seminary, Ft. Worth, evangelist; Denise Tyson, Clarke College, singer; Doug Warren, pastor.

The Cross Of Christ

By Tommy Tutor, Pastor, First, Holly Springs
1 Cor. 1:8; 2:2

The cross of Christ is God's final stand against sin. The writer in Hebrews notes that God spoke in times past in different ways through the fathers and prophets. But He has spoken unto us through His Son.



Sometimes we wonder in this age of transformation if anything is trustworthy. But if you were to ask Paul, an old soldier of the cross, he would say that the cross of Christ will stand; and those who accept the Christ of the cross will stand.

The cross is God's final stand against sin because it was sufficient. Infinite saving power was made available through the giving of Christ's life on the cross. The Bible teaches whosoever will come—to as many as would receive Him, to them God gave the power to become the sons of God—whosoever thirst, let him come. Infinite saving power comes through the preaching of the cross.

Secondly, conquering power for Christian living comes through the provision of the cross. God not only gives us power to become the sons of God, but we are kept by the power of God. Thus, the Christian can live in this power and live a victorious life. God not only provided life, but abundant life for those who will live in the liberty of the power of the gospel. We can have fullness of His life and the fruit of His life as we walk in the spirit and not in the flesh.

And finally, there is sustaining power provided by Christ's death on the cross. Peter tells us that we are kept by the power of God. John tells us that we are given eternal life and that we shall never perish.

God needs to do no more. He has made available power which has changed men, nations, and the course of this world. This power can change our nation and bring her back to God. We need to remember that God has chosen to channel this power through us.

Men meant the cross to be bad; God made it good. The cross is the Mt. Everest of our faith, the Gibraltar of our hope, the Waterloo of our doubt and despair.

EL PASO, Tex. — The Baptist Spanish Publishing House here announced the top ten best sellers in general books and the top ten in Bibles and study helps for 1975. The outstanding seller was La Pequena Biblia which sold 25,000 copies. The book is a miniature novelty item of selected Bible verses. The daily devotional book, Manantiales En El Desierto (Streams In The Desert) sold over 7,000 copies.

New Ireland Church, Union: April 11-18; 7:30 p.m. each night; regular Sunday services; Rev. James Case, evangelist and pastor; Mrs. James Case, directing the music; Mrs. John Sharpe Henry, pianist.

Commission Road Church, Long Beach: April 9-11; Fri. and Sat. services at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Rev. John Green, formerly pastor of First Church, Long Beach, now with the Louisiana Baptist Convention Board, evangelist; Earnie Mosley, Fern-

Perkins To Address Ministers' Alumni At Blue Mountain

The annual Ministers' Alumni meeting of Blue Mountain College has been set for April 9, 1976 on campus, announces Dr. James Travis, head of the Biblical Studies Division at BMC and advisor to the alumni association.

Registration is set to begin at 9 a.m. for the day long slate of activities with refreshments following registration. The annual business session is scheduled from 10:30 - 12:30 with a luncheon following.

Dr. Clifton Perkins of the Church-Minister Relations Division of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will deliver the keynote address at the luncheon. Dr. Perkins is former pastor of First

wood Church, Gulfport, singer; Buddy Bean, pastor.



New Hope Church, Gulfport, began the Week of Prayer for Home Missions with a bicentennial old-fashioned day, with dinner on the grounds and preaching. At the night service, many visiting "personalities" told of the growth of missions from the Pilgrims to the present. Each dressed in the costume of his day.



Lottie Moon and Roger Williams got together for a talk.



The Pilgrims



Lincoln



Southern belle, center, 1861, made friends with Grace McBride, 1908, and man of 1897.

Missionaries From Past Visit New Hope

Immanuel Plans Easter Homecoming

Immanuel Church, Panola County, has announced plans for a 20-year dedication service, and homecoming on Easter Sunday, April 18.

The day's program will begin at 10 a.m. with highlights from the history of the church. Dinner will be served on the grounds following the morning service, according to the pastor, Rev. Reggie Herron.

Baptist Church in Greenwood.

There is a coffee for the ladies set during the annual business session and a golf tournament for alumni during the afternoon.

Major Ian Thomas To Speak In Jackson Church

Major W. Ian Thomas of London, England, famed Bible lecturer and writer, will speak at McDowell Road Church in Jackson, on April 10-12, according to announcement by John C. Hilburn, pastor of the church.

The three day appearance in what is being called a "Conference on Revival" begins with a service on Saturday night, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. He also will speak on both Sunday and Monday, April 11 and 12 at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Cedar Grove Gifts Prove Members' Belief In Missions

"A first for Cedar Grove Church and \$1000 for the U.S.A.," tells the story of the goal set by the Baptist Women of the Marion County church for their Annie Armstrong Offering.

On goal day, March 14, the Mission Support chairmen, Mrs. Ouida Pittman, Mrs. Thomas Blakeney, and Mrs. Gary Arthur, displayed the American flag at the front of the church with all 30 stars covered. The church was challenged to put \$20 in each state by uncovering a star for each \$20 contributed to the Annie Armstrong offering.

One week after goal day, all 50 stars were uncovered. Never before had Cedar Grove given so much to the special home missions offering. Not only did they reach the goal of \$1000, but they went beyond it.

Cedar Grove Baptist Women felt that they must have as much faith in March as they had in December when they set a goal of \$1000 for the Lottie Moon offering. In December the offering exceeded the \$1000 goal three weeks after goal day; in March it only took one week to exceed the goal for home missions. The Annie Armstrong offering in Mar-

ch of 1975 only totaled \$376.00.

"These ladies are small in number, as they only have twenty active WMU members, but their faith in God and their concern for others make them large with love for missions," says the pastor, the Rev. B. Alfred Jones. "By the response of the members of their church for this offering, they know that they are succeeding in leading their church to be more mission minded."

Cedar Grove Church has an average active membership of 98. Their resident membership totals 172.

Their Lottie Moon Offering, December, 1975, was \$1128. Their Annie Armstrong Offering, March, 1976, was \$1068. This church also gives \$75.00 per month to a pioneer missions church, \$20 per month to BSU work and \$35.00 per month to county missions, besides 10 per cent of all budget income to the Cooperative Program.



Summer "Baptist Hour" Speaker

Dr. James L. Pleitz, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., will be "The Baptist Hour" speaker in April, May and June. Dr. Herschel Hobbs, regular speaker, will return to the radio pulpit in July. Pleitz, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Pastors Conference, also is past president of the board of trustees of the Radio and Television Commission which produces and syndicates the show nationally on 367 radio stations. — Radio-TV Commission Photo by Rachel Colvin

Off The Record

Another favorite old story tells of the farmer and his wife, married happily for almost half a century, who were sitting in the front porch swing in the cool of the evening. The sun was going down in a blaze of color, the birds were trilling their evensong, the soft breeze wafted the scent of honeysuckle across the porch. The moment was a moving one. The farmer felt strangely moved to speech, and blurted out, "Martha, sometimes I love you so much I can hardly keep from telling you."

A little girl about to take her first trip alone was warned about talking to strange men. At the station the conductor asked, "Where are you going?"

"To Detroit," she answered, so he put her on the Detroit train. As the train pulled out she looked out the window and yelled, "Ha, ha, I fooled you that time — I'm going to Chicago."

"Willie" said the teacher, "describe the human race." "The human race is the men running after the women and the women running after the men," replied Willie.

Educators Set Convention Date

Rev. Bert Jones, president of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association, announces that the association has set February 24-26, 1977 as the dates for their 31st annual convention.

The Sheraton-Biloxi convention complex will again be the site. The dates are announced at this time so that you may mark your calendars.

All persons engaging full time in any phase of religious education are eligible for membership in the M.B.R.E.A.



For Bible Study Week

Wycliffe's Chair At Pine Grove

Pine Grove Church, Neshoba Association, had a special feature to add significance to their recent Bible Study Week. Pastor R. R. Newman found that a friend of his, Clayton Taylor Lewis, an attorney who is a member of First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, had a very interesting rocket in his office. Mr. Lewis had a friend, Mack Wilkerson of Forest, who collected antiques. Mr. Wilkerson was an oil broker who traveled to many parts of the nation and other places. He discovered a full bedroom suite in Mexico that originally belonged to John Wycliffe who did the first translation of the whole Bible into English in 1382.

Mr. Wilkerson bought this furniture and had it delivered to his home in Forest. He and Mr. Lewis were close friends and when Mr. Lewis asked what he would take for the chair, he said, "You can have it as a gift."

The Pine Grove Church borrowed the chair to magnify Bible Study Week. The chair has a hand carved woman's head on each arm, and a lion's foot on each of the two front legs. The picture above shows the chair and the people who attended the Bible study.



Cliff Temple Celebrates 20th Anniversary

Cliff Temple (Adams) celebrated its twentieth anniversary March 21, with homecoming day.

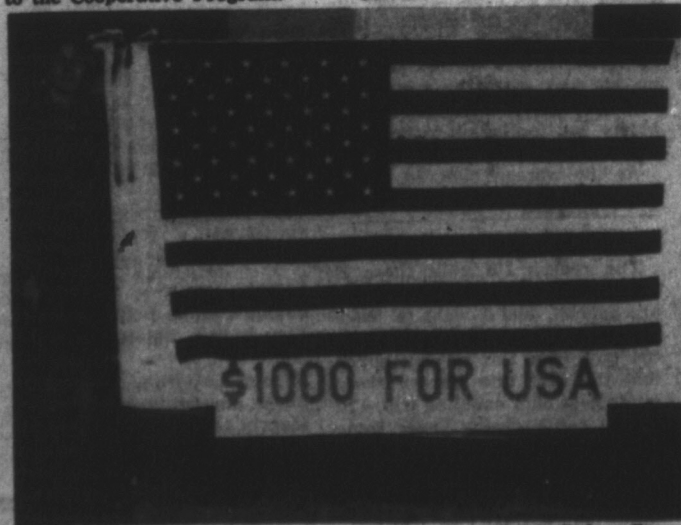
Cliff Temple began as a mission church of Calvary (Adams). On March 25, 1956, the membership of the Calvary Mission was organized as a church, calling

Rev. Henry White (now deceased), who helped in organizing the church, as first pastor.

The first meetings of the mission church were held in the living room of the M. A. Goldman home. The church then moved into a one-room building that was

borrowed and move into the area from the mother church. The church grew rapidly and in just a few weeks plans were made to buy a building site. The first building was erected the same year the church organized. A Sunday School was begun in April, 1956, with forty-one members. The Sunday School now has an enrollment of 256. The total church membership is 322.

For the Homecoming Day all of the former pastors, with the exception of Henry White, returned to participate in the program of the day. Those former pastors were Rev. Leslie Farrar, Bastrop, La., now retired; Dr. Billy Cooper, Belle Chasse, La., working with drug and alcohol abuse in the greater New Orleans area; Rev. Wesley Milley, pastor of First Church, Lake; and Rev. M. H. Waltrons, pastor of Cedar Grove Church, Leakesville. Rev. Bryant Hazlip is the present pastor.



Mrs. Frank Breland, director of Baptist Women at Cedar Grove, announces that the church's \$1,000 goal has been met for missions in the USA.

Holly Bluff Dedicates Youth Building

Holly Bluff, Yazoo County, recently dedicated their youth building. Rev. Aubrey Jones, pastor at Holly Bluff for five years, delivered the dedicatory message. New furniture and recreational facilities include table tennis, football games, pool table,

other types of games, and a Coke machine. Youth leaders are Mike Langley and Mickey Reynolds. Other improvements at the church are a new steeple, paved parking lot, and stained glass windows.